



Public Notice

**U.S. Army Corps
of Engineers**
Pittsburgh District

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Notice No. below

US Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District
1000 Liberty Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4186

Application No. 200502230

Date: August 25, 2006

Notice No. 06-38

Closing Date: September 25, 2006

1. TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: The following application has been submitted for a Department of the Army Permit under the provisions of Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1344).

2. APPLICANT: Victory Christian Center
3899 McCartney Road
Lowellville, OH 44436

3. LOCATION: The project is located on a 54 acre parcel of property located within the Dry Run watershed, in Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, Ohio. The project site is bounded to the north by S.R. 422, to the west by S.R. 616, to the east by existing wetlands, residential and commercial developments, and upland forest and to the south by existing wetlands and upland forested habitat.

4. PURPOSE AND DESCRIPTION OF WORK: Victory Christian Center is proposing to expand their existing facility to include a larger worship center, a softball/baseball field, additional parking, hiking trails, an assisted living center, and retirement housing. Their expansion will impact streams and wetlands, including an Ohio EPA designated Category III wetland. Two alternative layouts have been proposed which will impact waters of the United States. Alternative 1 will impact wetlands no. 1 & 2 with grading and fill for a softball/baseball field for a total of 0.13 acre of impact to category II wetlands. Alternative 1 also proposes to impact 2.04 acres of wetland 3, a category III wetland, for the construction of hiking trails, storage buildings, and grading for additional parking. Alternative 2 will also impact wetlands no. 1 & 2, but impacts to Wetland 3 are reduced to 0.22 acre for grading and fill for an access road from S.R. 616 to the center of the facility. The hiking trails, storage buildings, and retirement housing proposed in Alternative 1 are eliminated in Alternative 2. Alternative 1 proposes to impact a total of 124 l.f. of an unnamed tributary to Dry Run for two road crossings, six trail crossings, and grading. Alternative 2 minimizes stream impacts to 24 l.f. for one single Con-Span natural bottom bridge crossing. The applicant is proposing to mitigate for wetland impacts on-site. The wetland mitigation area is located along the eastern portion of the property, adjacent to Dry Run and Wetland 3. Drawings of the proposed project are attached to this notice.

5. WATER QUALITY CERTIFICATION: A Permit will not be granted until Water Quality Certification is received or waived from:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)
Section 401 Coordinator
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43266-0149
Telephone Number: 614-644-2001

6. IMPACT ON NATURAL RESOURCES: The District Engineer has consulted the most recently available information and has determined that the project is not likely to affect the continued existence of any endangered species or threatened species, or result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat of such species which has been determined to be critical. This Public Notice serves as a request to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for any additional information they may have on whether any listed or proposed to be listed endangered or threatened species may be present in the area which would be affected by the activity, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act of 1972 (as amended).

7. IMPACT ON CULTURAL RESOURCES: By letter dated June 14, 2004, the Ohio Historic Preservation Office recommended that a preliminary archaeological survey be conducted to identify sites in the area and to document any buildings that appear to be older than 50 years. The Corps of Engineers will use this information to determine if any eligible historic properties and/or any archaeological resources are present. Further investigation may be recommended depending on the findings of the survey. If we are made aware, as a result of comments received in response to this notice, or by other means, of specific archeological, scientific, prehistorical, or historical sites or structures which might be affected by the proposed work, the District Engineer will immediately take the appropriate action necessary pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 - Public Law 89-665 as amended (including Public Law 96-515).

8. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in the paragraph below entitled "RESPONSES," that a public hearing be held to consider this application. The requests for public hearing shall state, with particularity, the reasons for holding a public hearing.

9. EVALUATION: Interested parties are invited to state any objections they may have to the proposed work. The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposals must be balanced against its reasonably

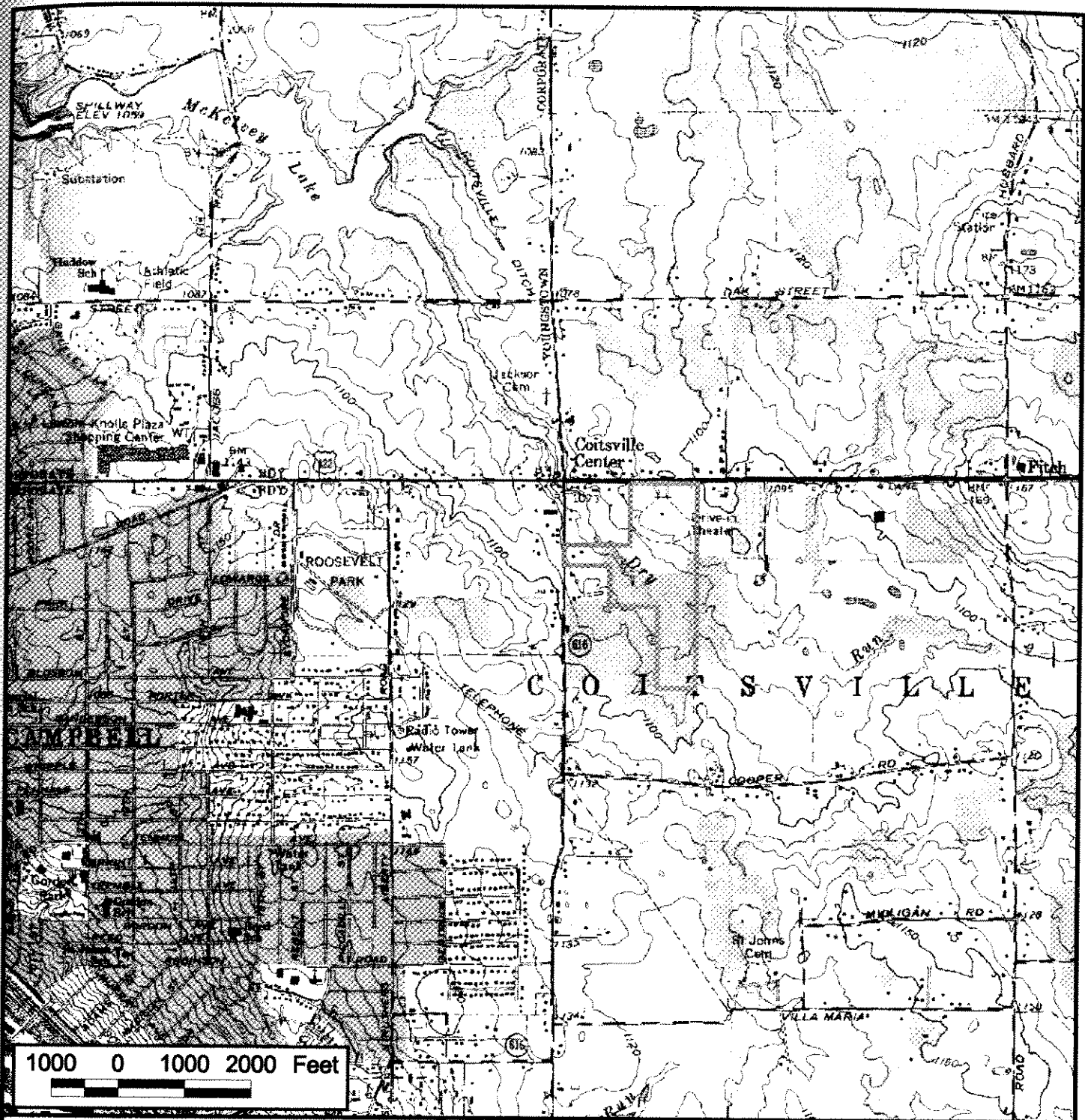
foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof; among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, historic properties, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity. The evaluation of the impact of the activity on the public interest will include application of the guidelines promulgated by the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, under the authority of Section 404(b) of the Clean Water Act (40 CFR Part 230).

10. RESPONSES: A permit will be granted unless its issuance is found to be contrary to the public interest. Written statements concerning the proposed activity should be received in this office on or before the closing date of this Public Notice in order to become a part of the record and to be considered in the final determination. Any objections which are received during this period may be forwarded to the applicant for possible resolution before the determination is made whether to issue or deny the requested DA Permit. All responses to this notice should be directed to the Regulatory Branch, attn Christina L. Schroeder. Please refer to CELRP-OP-F 200502230 in all responses.

FOR THE DISTRICT ENGINEER:

/signed/

Michael J. Cummings, Jr.
Chief, Regulatory Branch



Victory Assembly of God **Coitsville Township, Mahoning County, OH**

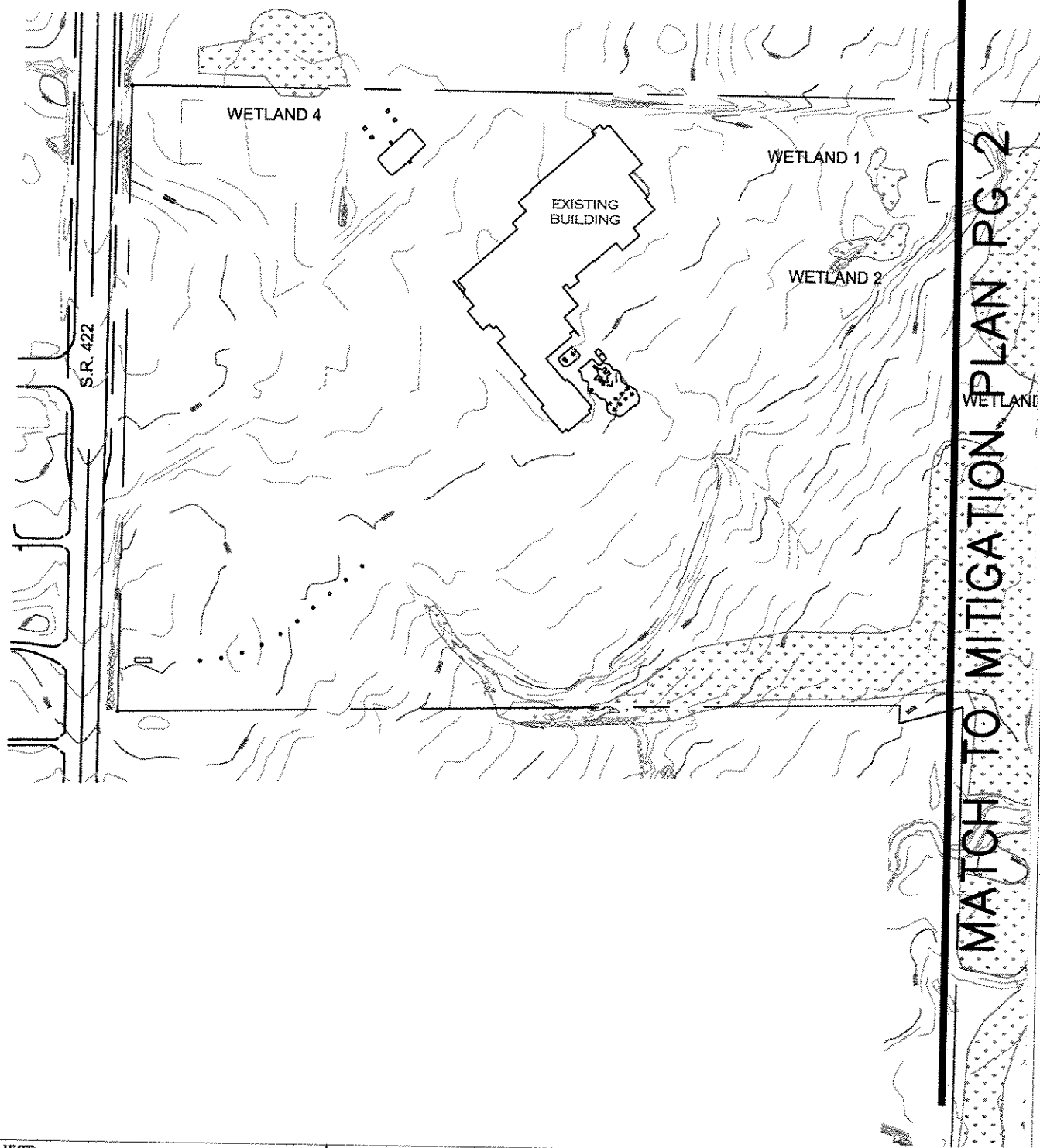
Figure 1
 Project Location Map

Victory Property

Source: U.S.G.S. 7.5 Minute Topoquads, Campbell, OH



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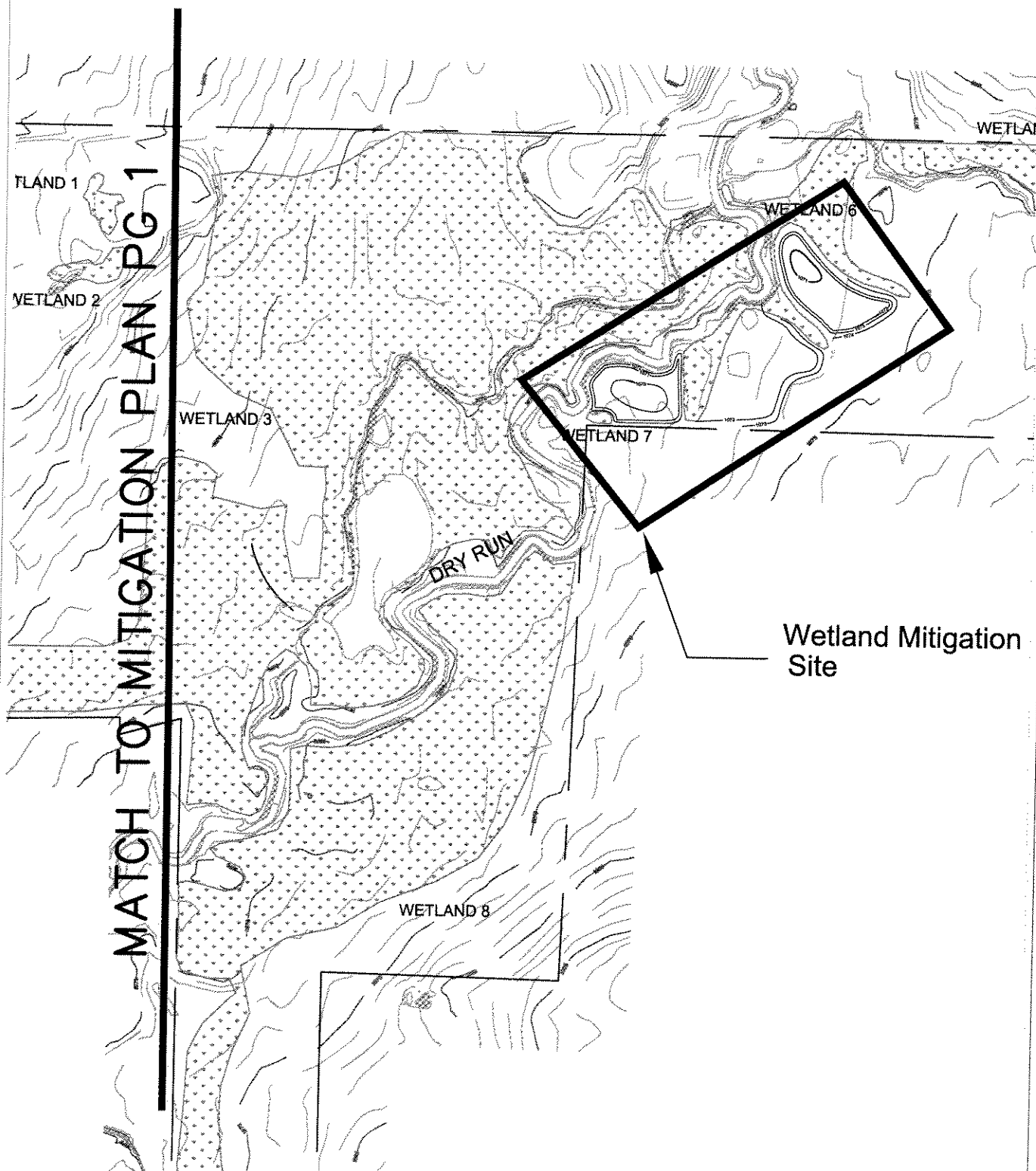
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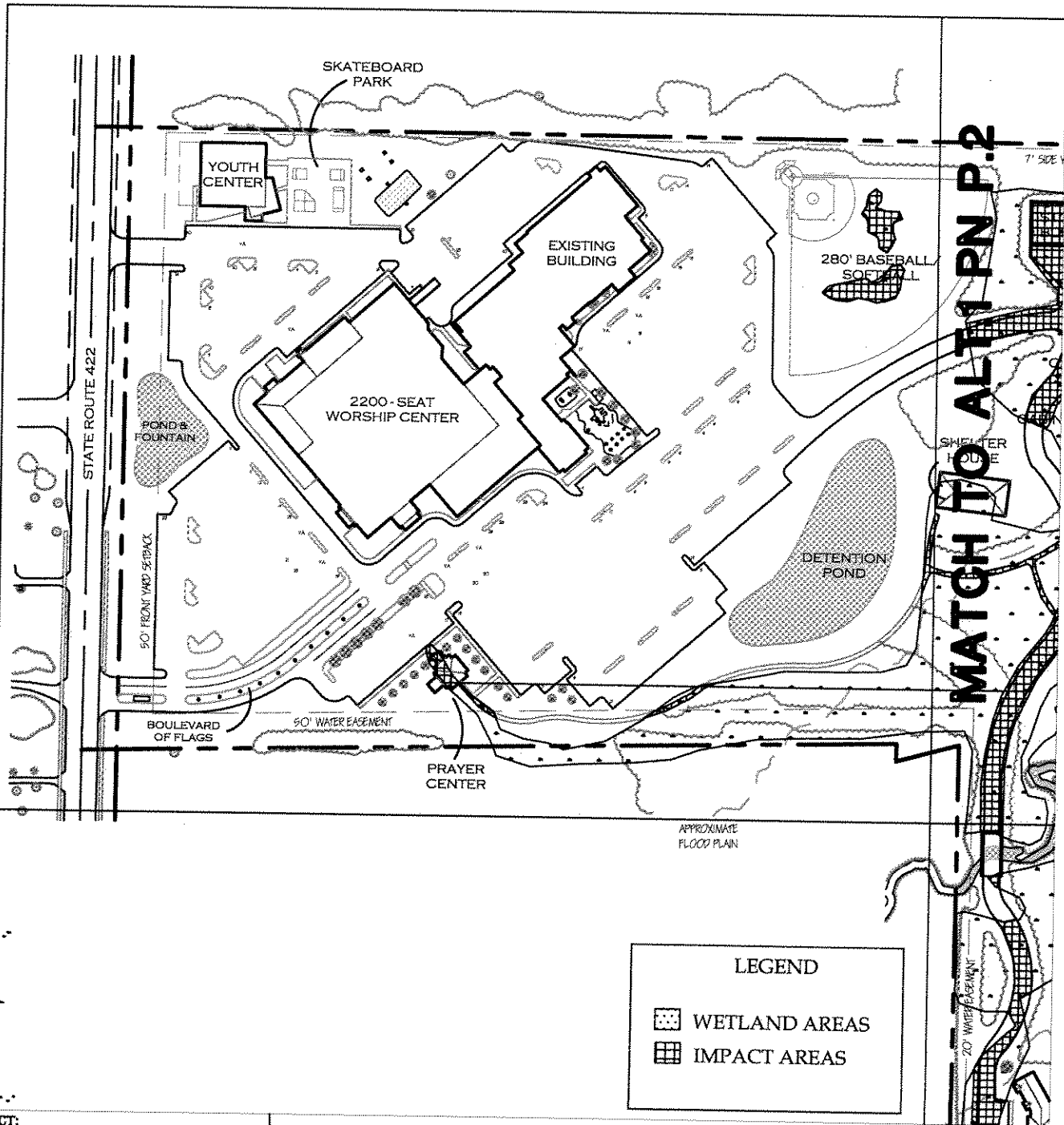


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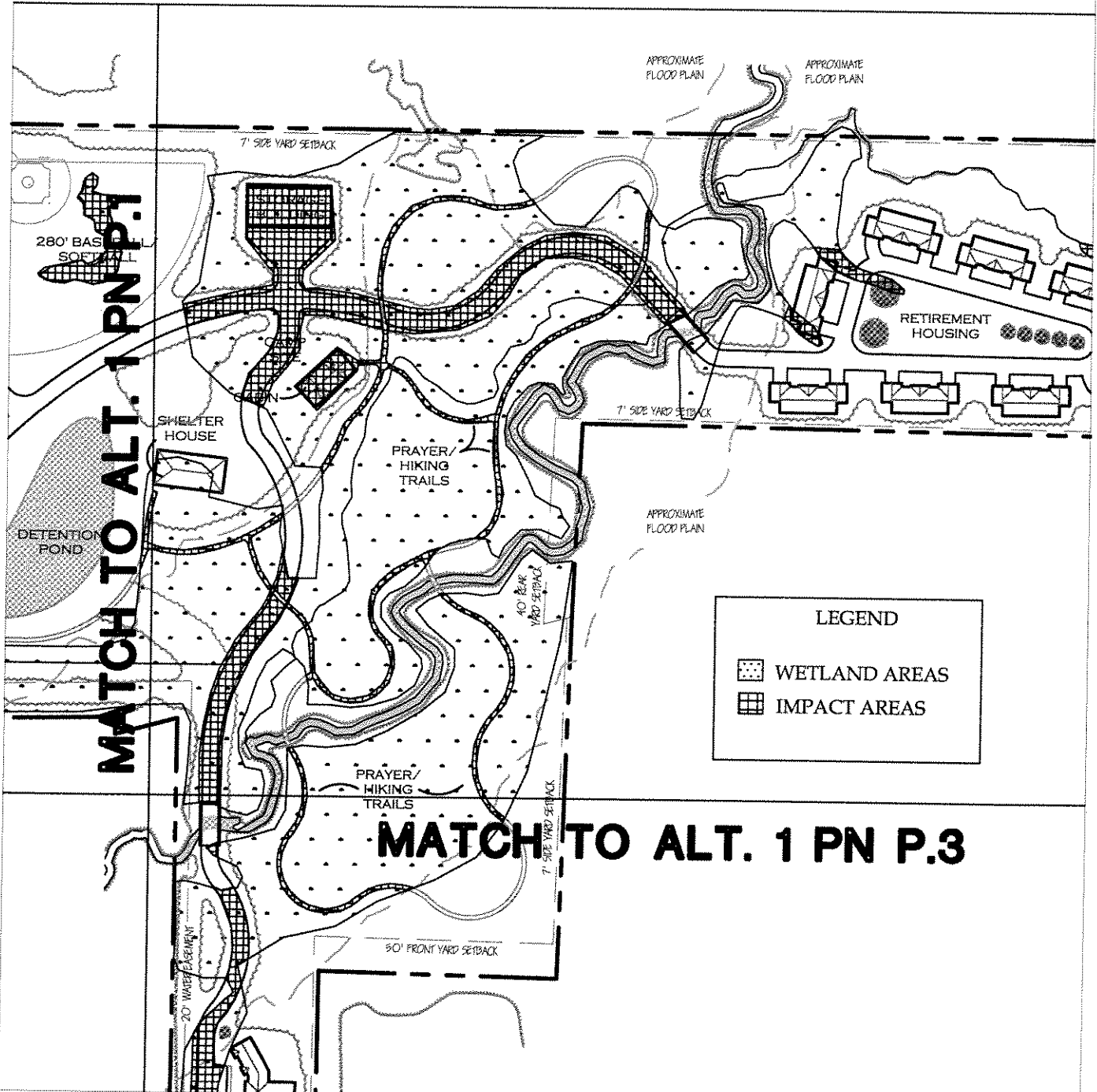


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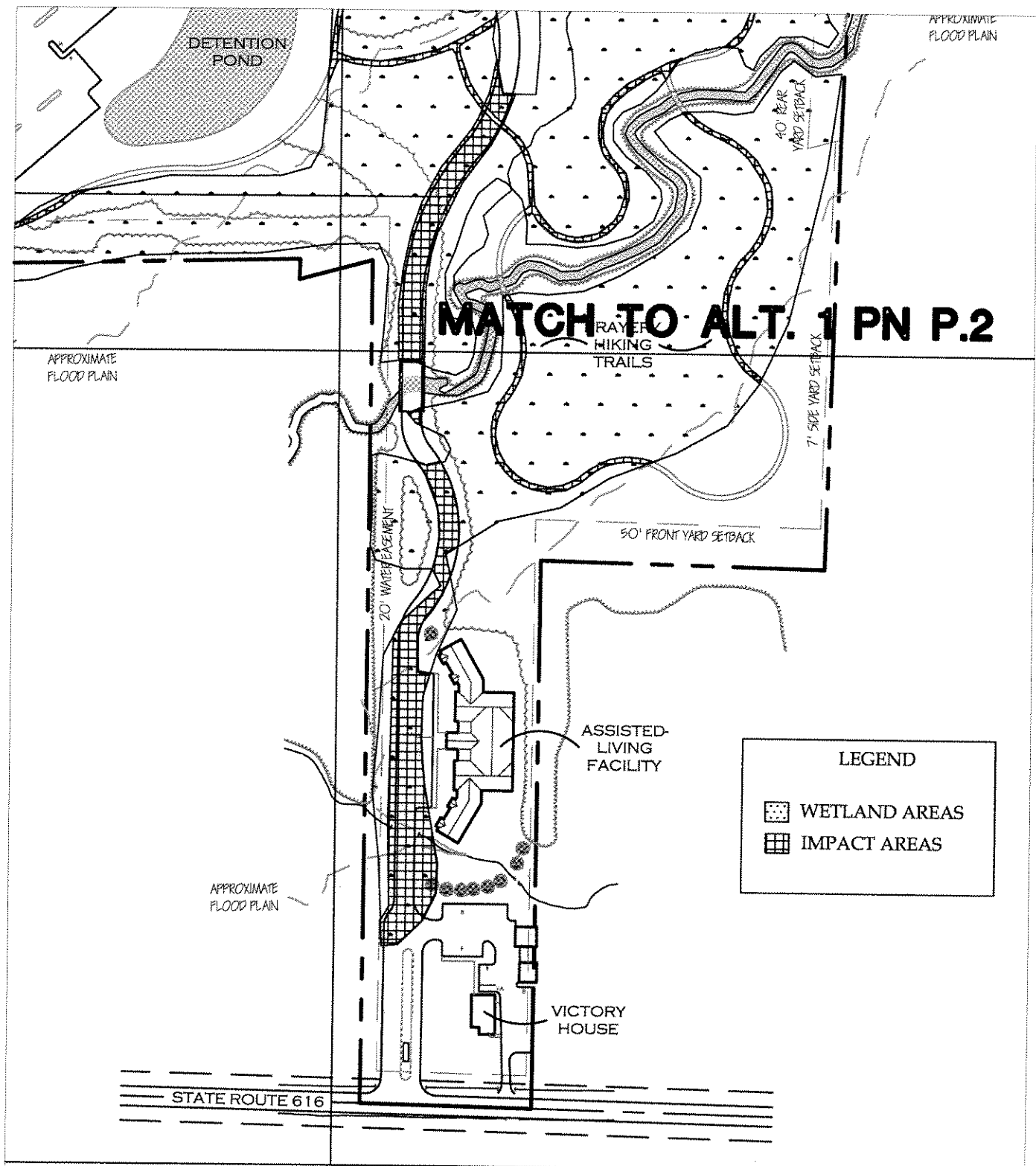
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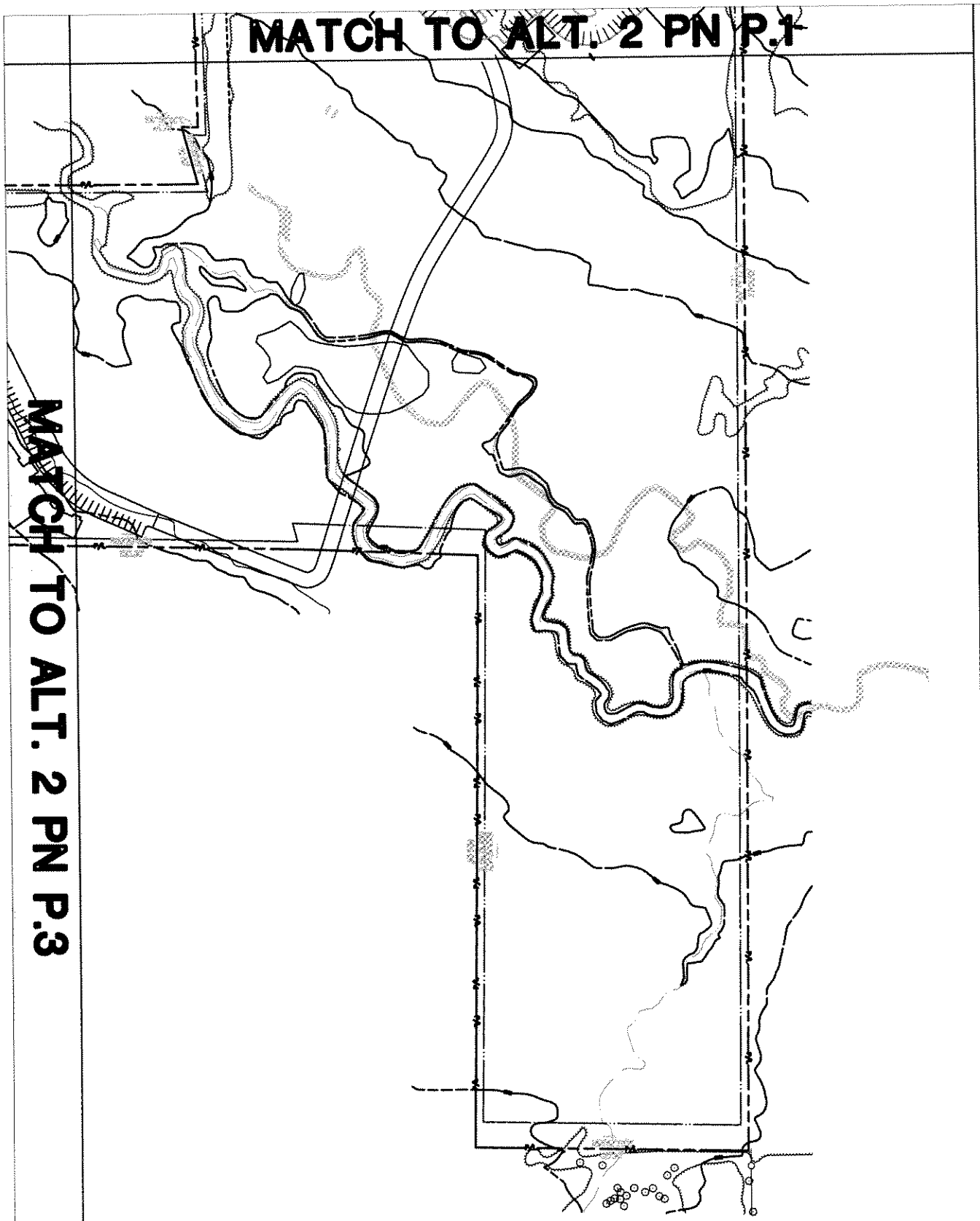
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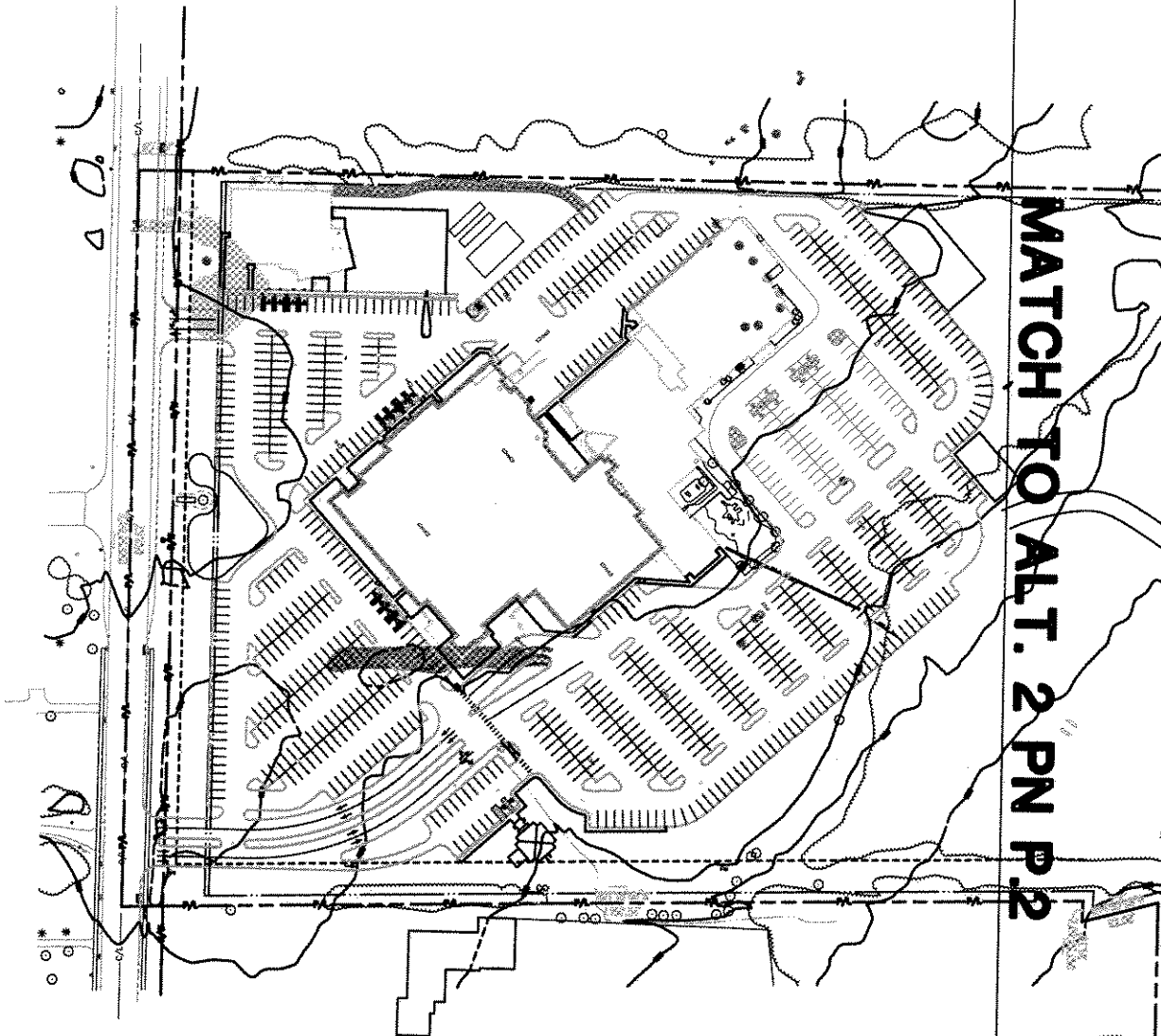
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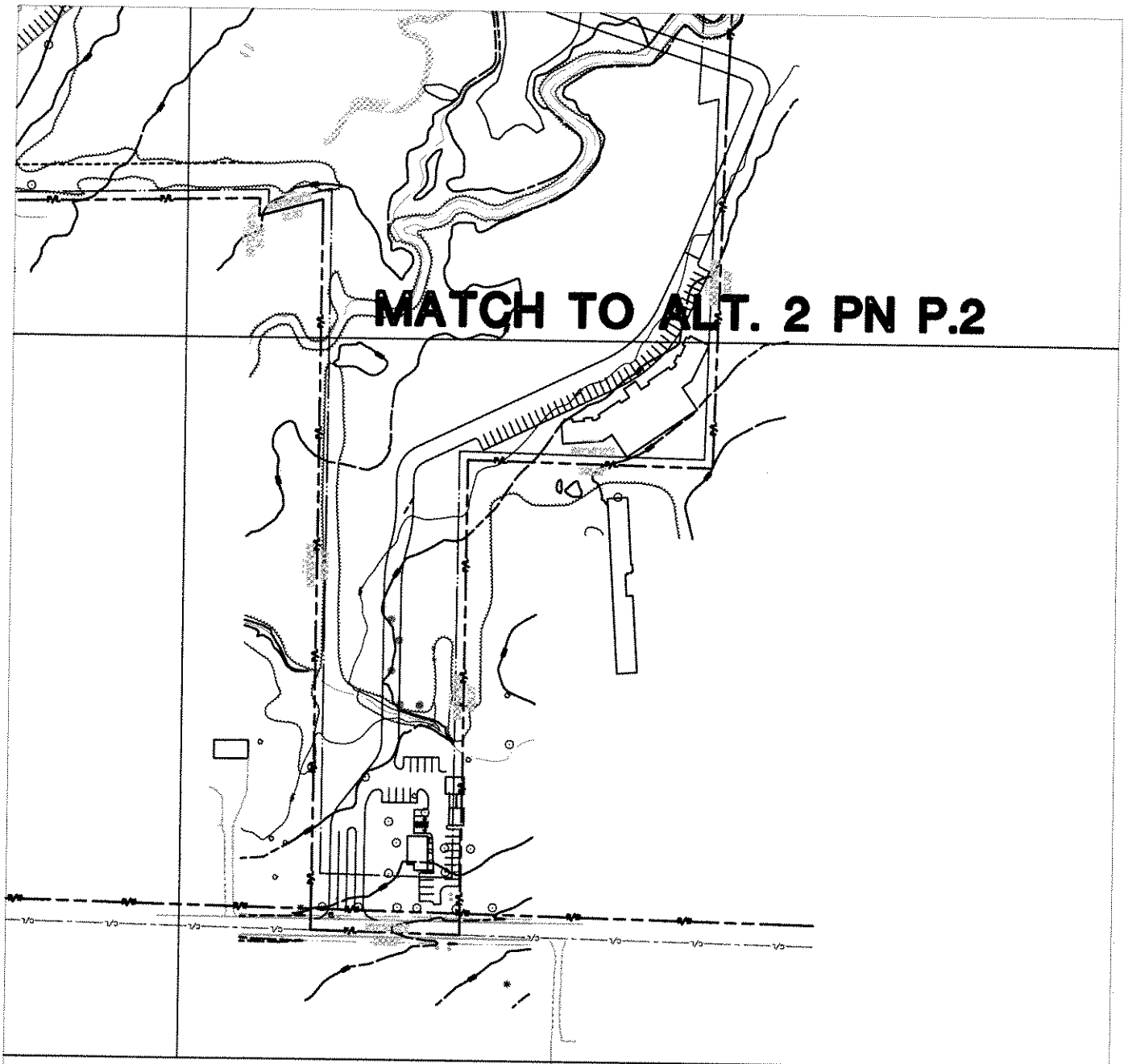
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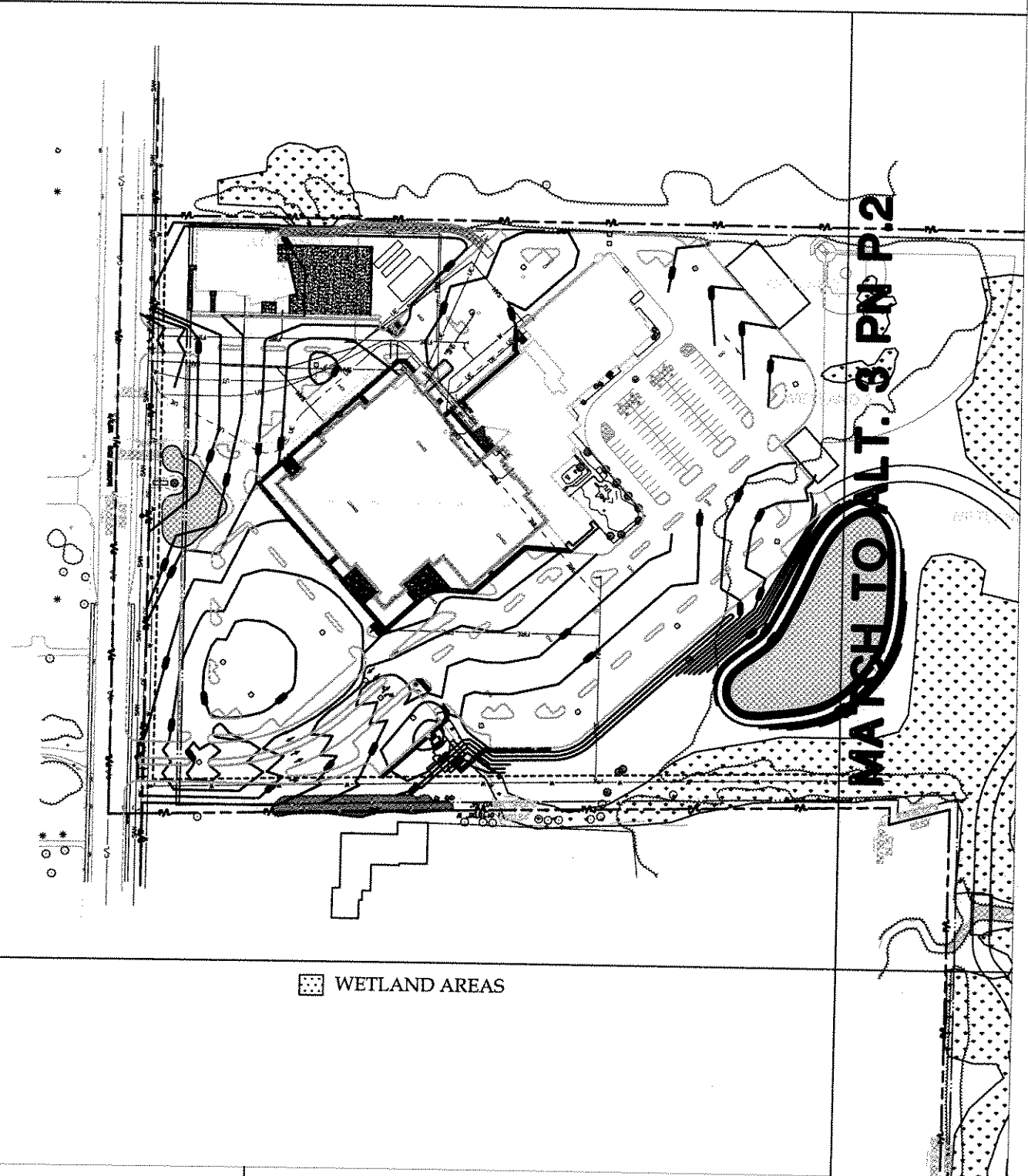
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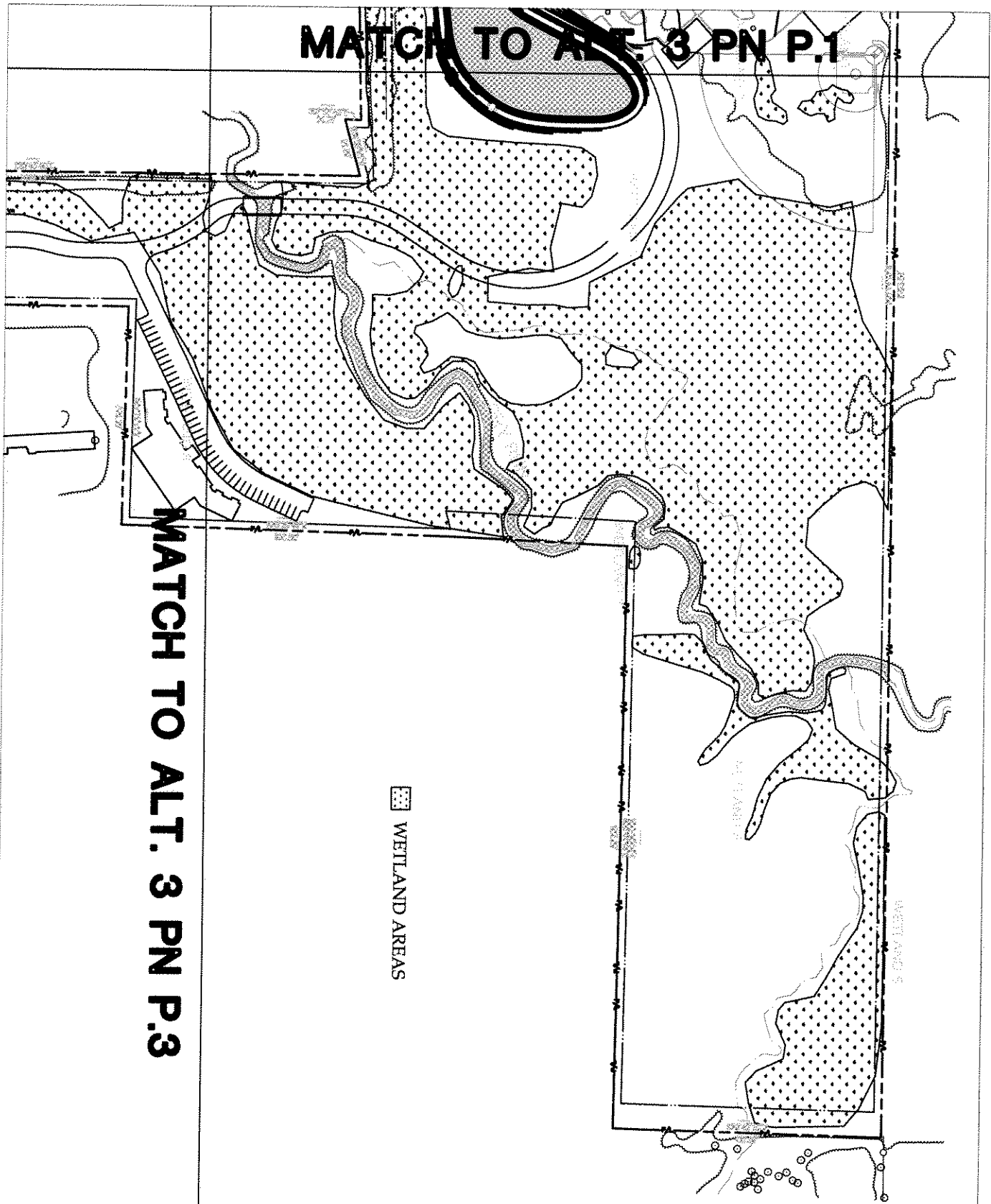


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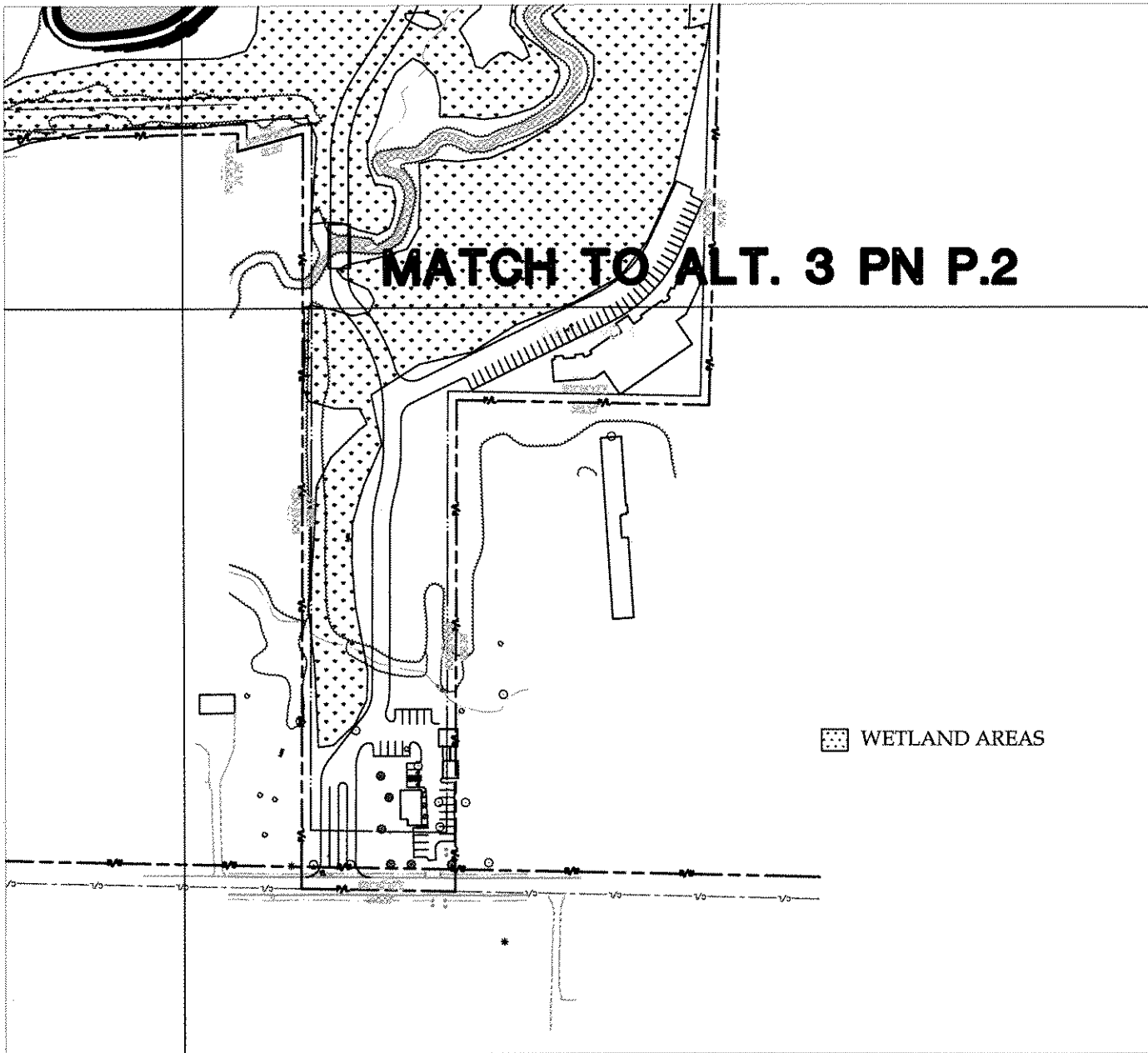
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